

### Remarks

The Applicant has previously amended the specification (by way of a Preliminary Amendment mailed January 16, 2003) of the present application in order to perfect the benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. application Serial No. 09/041,534 (filed March 12, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,130,892) and to U.S. application Serial No. 08/816,174 (filed March 12, 1997, now abandoned). As part of this previous specification amendment, the Applicant designated the present application as a continuation of the parent application resulting in the '892 patent.

The disclosure of the present application is largely commensurate to the disclosure of the parent application resulting in the '892 patent. However, as there are some differences between the disclosure of the two applications, the Applicant has recharacterized the relationship between the present application and the parent application out of an abundance of caution. As such, the Applicant has amended the specification of the present application herein to designate the present application as a continuation-in-part of the parent application.

Both the present application and the parent application provide support for the pending claims. Support for the pending claims can be found at least at page 2, line 20 through page 3, line 3; page 4, line 33 through page 5, line 18; page 9, lines 6-22; pages 19-24; and Figs. 9a and 9b of the parent application. Support for the pending claims can also be found at least at page 2, lines 13-29; page 4, line 23 through page 5, line 12; page 9, lines 10-22; pages 19-24; and Figs. 9a and 9b of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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